

Amendments to and Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended) A system for an individual with impaired hearing, comprising:

a behind-the-ear unit;
a headpiece configured to communicate with the unit; and
an assistive listening device cap configured to attach to the headpiece;
wherein the assistive listening device cap includes data communication

electronics;

wherein the assistive listening device cap is configured to mechanically attach to the exterior surface of the headpiece; and

wherein the data communication electronics are configured to communicate with corresponding communication electronics within the headpiece.

Claim 10 (original) The system of Claim 9, the behind-the-ear unit including a cochlear implant speech processor.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended) The system of ~~Claim 11~~ Claim 9, wherein the data communication electronics are configured to communicate with corresponding communication electronics of at least one of the behind-the-ear unit, the headpiece, an earhook attached to the behind-the-ear unit, and a Bluetooth enabled phone adapter.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The system of ~~Claim 11~~ Claim 9, wherein the data communication electronics are configured to communicate with corresponding communications electronics implanted within the head of a patient with impaired hearing.

Claim 14 (currently amended) The system of ~~Claim 11~~ Claim 9, wherein the data communication electronics are configured to communicate with the communication electronics of the headpiece through at least one of direct electrical contacts, wireless signals, and electrically conductive wire.

Claim 15 (currently amended) The system of ~~Claim 11~~ Claim 9, wherein the data communication electronics are powered by at least one of a primary battery located within the assistive listening device cap, a rechargeable battery located within the assistive listening device cap, and an external power source capable of transmitting energy to the electronics of the assistive listening device cap.

Claim 16 (original) The system of Claim 9, wherein the assistive listening device cap is configured to mechanically attach to the headpiece by means of magnetic force.

Claims 17-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (new) The system of Claim 14, wherein the wireless signal is selected from the group comprising an infra-red signal, radio-frequency signal, optical data signal, and Bluetooth wireless signal.